

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the examiner has required certain corrections in the abstract and the specification headings. The applicant has corrected the abstract and inserted headings into the specification as required. Accordingly, applicant believes that the specification and abstract are now acceptable. In addition, claim 46 has been objected to because it depends on "claim 43 or claim 43." Applicant has deleted one of the claim 43s and as amended now believes the claim to be acceptable.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 8-16, 21-40, 41, 43, and 48-56 have been rejected as anticipated by the patent to Meehan.

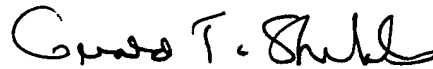
Examiner has indicated that claims 22-39 have been allowed and claims 3, 5-7, 17-20, 42, 44, 47, and 57-61 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant has combined claims 1 and 3 to result in amended claim 1. Applicant has also combined claims 40 and 42 to result in amended claim 40. Further, claim 1 has also been combined with claim 17 to result in new claim 62. Claim 40 has been combined with 57 to result in new claim 63. Claim 1 has been combined with claim 6 to result in new claim 64. Claim 40 has been combined with 46 to result in new claim 65. All of these claims have been indicated by the examiner as allowable and as such, applicant believes that all of the claims presented herewith should be in allowed or allowable condition and as such requests a early notice of same.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and Applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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